

PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

D.C. Resident Tuition Support (GT0)

The District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 (Resident Tuition Support program) is established to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Director	Laurent Ross
Proposed Operating Budget (\$ in thousands)	\$17,000

Fast Facts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed FY 2001 operating budget is \$17,000,000, the same as the FY 2000 budget. There are 15 full-time equivalents (FTEs) supported by this budget • The DC College Access Act of 1999 provides tuition subsidies to DC residents to attend colleges and universities in Maryland, Virginia and DC. The act was passed with bipartisan support in Congress and signed by President Clinton on November 12, 1999. Proposed legislation would extend this program nationwide. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible students may apply for tuition assistance beginning with the Fall 2000 semester. Applications were made available February 24, 2000. • Call the DC Tuition Assistance Grant Program Office at (202) 727-2824. Information is also available by contacting the Greater Washington College Information Center hotline at (202) 393-1100, ext. 18. |
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**Proposed
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Agency Overview and Organization

The FY 2000 Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-113) included a federal payment for the District Columbia College Access program, which affords high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. In FY 2001, the President's proposed budget would include funds to continue this program. In general, it is the purpose of this Act to establish a program that enables college-bound residents of the District of Columbia to have greater choices among institutions of higher education.

Through the College Access program the Mayor may award grants to eligible institutions that enroll eligible students to pay the difference between the tuition and fees charged for in-State students and the tuition and fees charged for out-of-State students on behalf of each eligible student enrolled in an eligible institution. The maximum student amount is not more than \$10,000 for any one award year (as defined in section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088)); and a total of not more than \$50,000. However, the Mayor may prorate payments under this section for students who attend an eligible institution on less than a full-time basis.

To be eligible for the program, students must:

- currently be District residents and have lived in the District for at least 12 months prior to the beginning of their freshman year of college;
- have graduated from high school or received an equivalent secondary school diploma on or after January 1, 1998;
- have begun an undergraduate course of study within three years of high school graduation (excluding any period of service on active duty in the Armed Forces, or service under the Peace Corp Act), or received an equivalent secondary school diploma;
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment, on at least a half-time, in a degree, certificate, or other program (including a program of study abroad approved for credit by the institution at which such student is enrolled) leading to a recognized educational credential at an eligible institution;
- maintain satisfactory progress in the course of study the student is pursuing, in accordance with section 484 (c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, if enrolled in an eligible institution; and
- not have completed the individual's first undergraduate baccalaureate course of study.

There are two types of subsidies available for District residents:

- For District residents who attend public colleges or universities in Maryland and Virginia, the program will pay the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition of up to \$10,000 per year with a lifetime cap of \$50,000 per student.
- For District students who attend private colleges in the local Washington, DC area and private historically black colleges and universities in Maryland and Virginia, the legislation authorizes grants of up to \$2,500 per year with a lifetime cap of \$12,500 per student.

Applications for the program can be picked up at One Judiciary Square in Suite 1040, or through local public and private high schools, participating colleges and universities, public libraries, and other organizations that are involved in secondary educational activities, or by calling 202-727-2824. The priority deadline for submitting applications is June 30, 2000.

More information can be obtained about the program from the web site at <http://www.tuitiongrant.washingtondc.gov>.

FY 2001 Proposed Operating Budget

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Object Class	Actual FY 1999		Approved FY 2000		Proposed FY 2001		Variance	
Regular Pay -Cont. Full Time	0		240		700		460	
Fringe Benefits	0		36		105		69	
Subtotal for: Personal Services (PS)	0		276		805		529	
Supplies and Materials	0		8		19		12	
Utilities	0		25		25		0	
Other Services and Charges	0		0		203		203	
Contractual Services - Other	0		831		112		-719	
Subsidies and Transfers	0		15,800		15,810		10	
Equipment and Equipment Rental	0		61		26		-35	
Subtotal for: Nonpersonal Services (NPS)	0		16,724		16,195		-529	
Total Expenditures:	0		17,000		17,000		0	
Authorized Spending Levels by Revenue Type:								
	FTEs	Dollars	FTEs	Dollars	FTEs	Dollars	FTEs	Dollars
Local	0	0	0	17,000	15	17,000	15	0
Total:	0	0	0	17,000	15	17,000	15	0